



32692
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE



GP1732
Patent
Case No.: 56233US002
3-1-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: ALLEN, RICHARD C.
Application No.: 09/965417 Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: September 27, 2001 Examiner: Unknown
Title: METHODS OF MAKING POLARIZATION ROTATORS AND ARTICLES
CONTAINING THE POLARIZATION ROTATORS

RECEIVED
MAR 07 2003
TC 1700

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:

Feb. 28, 2003

Date

Shannon M. Bruce

Signed by:

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449 citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Under 37 CFR § 1.704(d), I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of the Search Report from a foreign counterpart application is enclosed.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 28, 2003
Date

By: B. E. Black
Bruce E. Black, Reg. No.: 41,622
Telephone No.: (651) 736-3366

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833